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A NEW SUBSPECIES OF *PORITIA PHILOTA* FROM MINDANAO (LEPIDOPTERA : LYCAENIDAE)

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Poritia philota sugimotoi H. Hayashi, ssp. nov., (Figs. 1-5)

♂. Upperside brilliant shining greenish blue, with large black spots and streaks on forewing. A broad black costal border on hindwing. Underside greyish with darker bands.

Forewing length 14-15mm.

Male genitalia: Valvae separated into two free processes apically, ampulla longer, ending an ill-pointed. Phallus large and stout, ventro-distal portion of aedeagus a little produced and warped. A bottle-like cornutus present.

♀. Unknown.

Distribution : Mindanao

Holotype ♂, Mt. Apo, Mindanao, February, 1978, K. Nakamoto leg. Paratype ♂, Mt. Apo, Mindanao, January, 1978, T. Ohtani leg.

The holotype is to be preserved in the Osaka Museum of Natural History.

The present new subspecies differs from ssp. *philota* Hewitson in the following respects : 1) Upperside forewing black area in space 1b more or less evenly taper proximally but the same area in *philota* acutely becoming narrow. 2) Underside ground colour greyish, while earthy brown in *philota*. 3) Bands on underside much more prominent.

The subspecific name is dedicated to Mr. Shirô Sugimoto, who is intimate with Mr. K. Nakamoto and always showing him great kindness.

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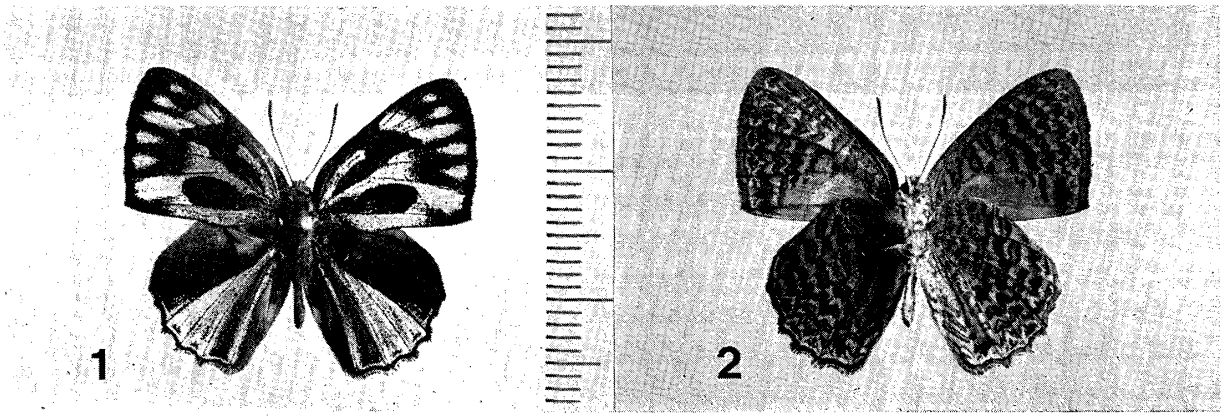

Figs. 1, 2 *Poritia philota sugimotoi* ssp. nov., holotype ♂.

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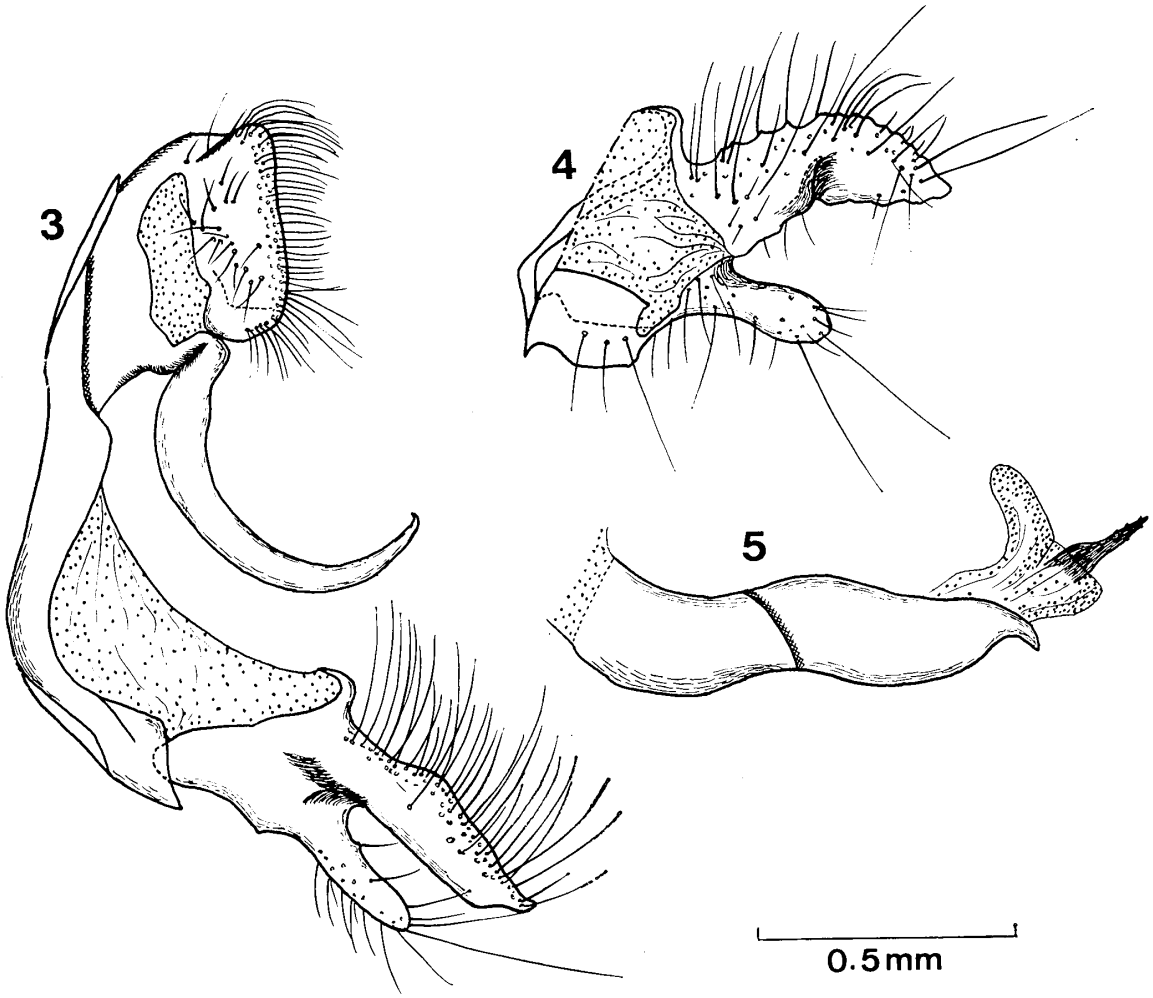
摘　　要

中元和哉氏及び大谷卓也氏採集のミンダナオ産シジミより *Poritia philota* の新亜種を見出したので，ここに記載した．（林　寿一）



Figs. 3-5. *Poritia philota sugimotoi* ssp. nov., ♂. genitalia : (3) Lateral aspect with phallus removed ; (4) Inner aspect of right-hand valva ; (5) Phallus.

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